

House File 373 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the practice of physical therapy assistants.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 148A.6, Code 2013, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. Notwithstanding subsection 1, upon the
4 referral and under the direction of a physician licensed under
5 chapter 148, a physical therapy assistant may provide physical
6 therapy evaluation and treatment. When a physical therapy
7 assistant provides care under such referral and direction, the
8 records of the patient's condition and progress along with any
9 records of instruction for treatment shall be maintained by the
10 physical therapy assistant's employer and a copy forwarded to
11 the referring physician.

12 Sec. 2. RULES. The board of physical and occupational
13 therapy, after consultation with the board of medicine, shall
14 adopt rules pursuant to its authority in section 148A.6,
15 subsection 1, to implement and administer this Act.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill relates to the practice of physical therapy
18 assistants.

19 The bill allows a physical therapy assistant to provide
20 physical therapy evaluation and treatment upon the referral and
21 under the direction of a licensed physician. Records regarding
22 care of a patient receiving evaluation or treatment by a
23 physical therapy assistant shall be maintained by the physical
24 therapy assistant's employer and a copy shall also be forwarded
25 to the referring physician.

26 The bill requires the board of physical and occupational
27 therapy, after consultation with the board of medicine, to
28 adopt rules to implement and administer this Act.